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37 C.F.R. § 1,116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2839

PATENT
4450-0199P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Daniel KNAPP, et al. Conf.: 5291
Appl. No.: 10/002,472 Group: 2839
Filed: November 2, 2001 Examiner: C. PRASAD
For: SLACK MANAGER FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES
AND METHOD OF MANAGING SLACK IN SAME

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 15, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 16, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-12, 15, 19-28, 30-39, 42-45, 47 and 48.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

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An extension of three (3) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on April 7, 2004 with the filing of the Reply After Final. Thus, no fee is required.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$330.00

Small Entity - \$165.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

Check(s) in the amount of \$330.00 is/are enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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